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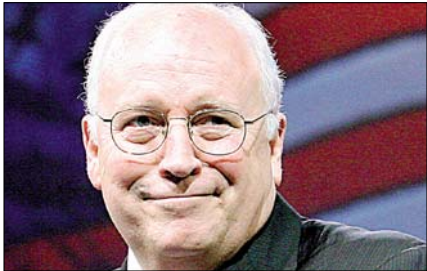
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Dick Cheney entered the fray over the GOP's future.

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Billie Joe Armstrong previews Green Day's upcoming rock opera.

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Finally, a Chance to Get a Kick Out of Spring



JAH CHIKWENDU/TWP

FIELD DAY: Bobby Migliaccio of Laurel, Md., barrels into home plate on Sunday during a NAKID (No, Adult Kickball Is Not Dumb) game on the National Mall. After days of rain, area residents could at last take advantage of the sunny skies and comfortable temperatures, which are expected to last all week.

Health Plan Gets \$2T Backing

Industry officials to offer savings proposal to aid reform

WASHINGTON | President Obama's plan to provide medical insurance for all Americans took a big step toward becoming reality Sunday after leaders of the health care industry offered \$2 trillion in spending reductions over 10 years to help pay for the program.

Hospitals, insurance companies, drug makers and doctors planned to tell Obama on Monday they'll voluntarily slow their rate increases in coming years in a move that

government economists say would create breathing room to help provide health insurance to an estimated 50 million Americans who now go without it.

With this move, Obama picks up key private-sector allies who fought former President Bill Clinton's effort to overhaul health care. Although the offer from the industry groups doesn't resolve thorny details of a new health care system, it does offer the

prospect of freeing a large chunk of money to help pay for coverage. And it puts the private-sector groups in a good position to influence the bill Congress is writing.

Six major groups plan to deliver a letter to Obama and pledge to cut the growth rate for health care by 1.5 percentage points each year, senior administration officials said Sunday. Obama has offered an outline for overhauling the health care system, and he wants Congress to work out the details and pass legislation this year. (AP)



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Police easily caught a Dayton, Ohio, man who shoplifted because he put his address on a job application before leaving the store. Police said a man, 49, was arrested Tuesday on a misdemeanor theft charge after employees said he stole T-shirts and pants from a clothing store. The man wrote his actual address on the job application, and police arrested him there while he was ironing a pair of jeans he was accused of stealing. (AP)



SHOTS

Afterparty Doesn't Have To Use Dixie Cups

A Lititz, Pa., high school ordered more than 450 shot glasses for its prom, a move the assistant principal now says sent the wrong message. Last year's prom attendees got picture frames or money clips. Warwick High School Assistant Principal Scott Galen says: "This year the junior class didn't have quite as much money." (AP)



DOMINIC FAIVRE/AP/KEystone

COMBAT

More Cow Bellicosity

Cows fight Sunday during the "Combats des Reines" (Battle of the Queens), a traditional event held annually in the western Alpine canton of Valais, in Aproz, Switzerland. The Valais is home to a unique breed of cows, the Herens. Members of this bovine family fight against each other to establish a hierarchy within the herd. During the combat, the cows simply push each other, forehead against forehead. (AP)



UPDATE

They Could Have At Least Breaded It

T.G.I. Friday's says a severed snake head found in a dish of broccoli at one of its New York restaurants was apparently planted in the meal after it was prepared. A company spokeswoman said Friday independent laboratory tests confirmed the snake head was added to cooked broccoli at its Clifton Park, N.Y., restaurant. The Carrollton, Texas, company has asked state police to investigate. (AP)

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U.S. Sees 3rd Swine Flu Fatality

More than 2K cases of the illness are now confirmed in nation

SEATTLE | The number of swine flu-related deaths outside Mexico has inched up to five with the

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The number of states that have confirmed a case of swine flu within their borders, according to the CDC.

U.S. reporting its third fatality and Costa Rica its first, both involving men who also had underlying illnesses.

The number of confirmed cases of the infection in the U.S. has risen

to 2,532 in 44 states, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Sunday.

Washington state health officials said the victim there was a man in his 30s who had underlying heart conditions and viral pneumonia when he died Thursday from what appeared to be complications from swine flu.

"We're working with local and federal partners to track this outbreak," said Washington State Secretary of Health Mary Selecky. (AP)

Cheney: I'm on Limbaugh's Side

Ex-VP says radio host is better GOP leader than Colin Powell

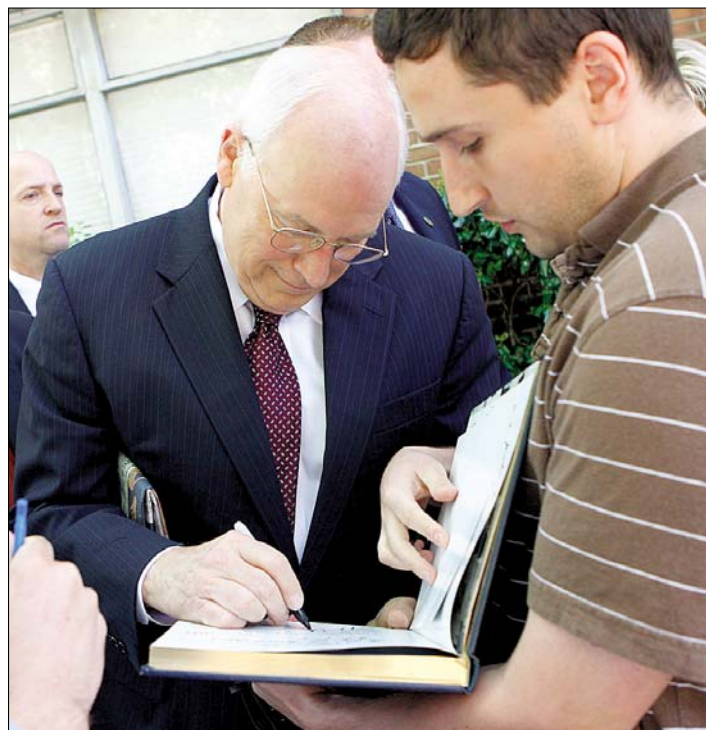
WASHINGTON | Former vice president Dick Cheney may have left the government, but he hasn't stopped fighting the intense political battle over the future of the Republican Party.

Cheney made clear Sunday which side he's on, saying he'd rather follow firebrand archconservative broadcaster Rush Limbaugh than moderate former secretary of state Colin Powell.

Cheney appeared to write his one-time colleague Powell out of the struggling party during the interview. Powell has said the Republicans need to be more inclusive or risk becoming irrelevant.

When asked about recent verbal broadsides between Limbaugh and Powell, Cheney said, "If I had to choose, in terms of being a Republican, I'd go with Rush Limbaugh. My take on it was Colin had already left the party. I didn't know he was still a Republican."

Powell, who was secretary of



Former vice president Dick Cheney signs autographs outside the CBS television studios in Washington on Sunday. Cheney was interviewed on "Face the Nation."

state under President George W. Bush and held the top U.S. military post under President George H.W. Bush, endorsed Democrat Barack Obama for president last

year. Nonetheless, since the election he has described himself as a Republican and a right-of-center conservative, though "not as right as others would like."

HAVING HIS SAY

→ In the CBS interview, Cheney said he has been speaking out about the actions of the Obama administration because if he didn't, "then the critics [of the Bush administration] have free run, and there isn't anybody there on the other side to tell the truth."

Cheney, citing Powell's backing of Obama over Republican nominee Sen. John McCain for president, said, "I assumed that that is some indication of his loyalty and his interests."

Cheney's remarks on CBS' "Face the Nation" were the latest step in his slow-motion estrangement from Powell.

Under the younger Bush, Powell initially backed action against Iraq's Saddam Hussein and delivered a famous U.N. speech laying out the U.S. case. But Powell and Cheney increasingly parted ways over the Bush administration's policies on the war and terrorism, with Cheney usually prevailing. Powell left the administration after Bush's first term. (AP)



PROM Life Imitates 'Footloose' A teenager in Findlay, Ohio, says he expects to be suspended from a Christian school for attending a public school prom with his girlfriend. Officials at Heritage Christian School in Findlay had warned Tyler Frost, 17, that he would be suspended and prohibited from attending graduation if he went to the Saturday dance. The Baptist school forbids dancing, rock music and hand-holding. Frost says he went to the dance because he wanted to experience the prom and didn't think it was wrong. (AP)

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Hubble's Finish Is Picture-Perfect

Astronauts aboard Atlantis will give the scope one last fix-up

WASHINGTON | Using the power of pictures, the Hubble Space Telescope has snapped away at the mystery of the universe.

For 19 years, Hubble has shown the epic violence of crashing gal-

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The number of images, in hundreds of thousands, that have been taken by the Hubble Telescope so far.

axies, spied on the birth and death of stars, taught cosmic lessons, and even provided comic relief.

In Hubble's photos, believers witness the hand of God, and artists discover galaxies worthy of galleries.

Now, Hubble is set to get its fifth and final fix-up. If all goes as planned, space shuttle Atlantis will lift off Monday on a flight to the orbiting telescope 350 miles above Earth. In five painstaking spacewalks, astronauts will repair and replace broken instruments,



This Hubble image shows a system of galaxies known as Arp 194, which features a "cosmic fountain" of gas, dust and stars that stretches over 100,000 light-years.



The Hubble Space Telescope, above, will operate another five to seven years.

“[Hubble] has truly become an icon of American life.”

—ED WEILER
NASA SCIENCES CHIEF

add a new long-gazing camera, and then say goodbye forever to Hubble. If it all works, Hubble will get another five to seven years of life, before it is steered by remote control into a watery grave.

Senior Hubble scientist Mario

Livio rhapsodized about the drama of Hubble's own story, "turning something that could have been the biggest scientific fiasco [in] to the biggest scientific success."

After its launch in 1990, the Hubble Space Telescope was stuck with blurry vision because its mirror wasn't quite right. It was the butt of jokes by late-night comics; an editorial cartoon said its designer was Mr. Magoo, a near-sighted cartoon character.

But once it was fixed three and a half years later, Hubble shed its myopic reputation. It began producing far-sighted images of space that seemed more art than astronomy.

It was a Hubble image in 1995 that forever restored the telescope's reputation. The picture was Eagle Nebula. It was stunning, with beautiful colors and dramatic clouds where stars formed. NASA called it "the pillars of creation." And the public, which once snickered at Hubble, was smitten.

"[Hubble] has truly become an icon of American life," said NASA sciences chief Ed Weiler.

SETH BORENSTEIN (AP)



Out of this world: Galleries of images that were taken by the Hubble Space Telescope can be viewed online at NASA's official Web site, Hubblesite.org.



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Experts Say GM's Fate Is Sealed

Company will likely be forced to file for Chapter 11 protection

DETROIT | For General Motors Corp., the task at hand is so difficult that experts say a Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing is all but inevitable.

To remake itself outside of court, GM must persuade bondholders to swap \$27 billion in debt for 10 percent of its risky stock. On top of that, the automaker must work out deals with its union, announce factory closures, cut or sell brands, and force hundreds of dealers out of business — all in



The government has given General Motors until June 1 to finish its restructuring.

three weeks.

"I just don't see how it's possible, given all of the pieces," said Stephen J. Lubben, a professor at

Seton Hall University.

GM, which has received \$15.4 billion in federal aid, faces a June 1 government deadline to

complete its restructuring plan. If it can't finish in time, the company will follow Chrysler LLC into bankruptcy protection.

Although company executives said last week they would still prefer to restructure out of court, experts say all GM is doing now is lining up majorities of stakeholders to make its court-supervised reorganization move more quickly.

"If we need to pursue bankruptcy, we will make sure that we do it in an expeditious fashion. The exact strategies I'm not getting into today, but we'll be ready to go if that's required," Chief Executive Fritz Henderson said last week.

TOM KRISHER (AP)

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Dem Seeks Robo-Call Crackdown

N.Y. senator wants probe of unsolicited car warranty calls

NEW YORK | Unsolicited calls to home and cell phones warning of a final notice and an expiring



Schumer

vehicle warranty are a nuisance and harassment and should be the subject of a federal investigation, a U.S. senator said Sunday.

Americans increasingly are receiving calls with a computerized voice saying, "This is the final notice. The factory warranty on your vehicle is about to expire," or something similar, several times a day on their cell or land lines.

Now, Sen. Charles Schumer of New York wants a federal investigation into the “robo-dialer harassment.” (AP)

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Scores Killed in Sri Lanka Attack

At least 378 civilians die in overnight raid on war-torn territory

COLOMBO, SRI LANKA | The bodies were laid out in haphazard rows in the mud waiting to be buried. Some were covered with mats or sheets, photographs showed. One young boy was stripped to his waist, his head wrapped in a bloody bandage.

They were among at least 378 civilians killed in an overnight artillery barrage in Sri Lanka's war zone, according to a government doctor, in what was the bloodiest attack on noncombatants since the civil war flared more than three years ago.

A rebel-linked Web site blamed the attack on the government, while



Victims of a shell attack wait for care outside a makeshift hospital in Mullivaay-kaal, Sri Lanka, on Sunday. Rebels blamed the overnight raid on the government.

the military accused the beleaguered Tamil Tigers of shelling their own territory to gain international

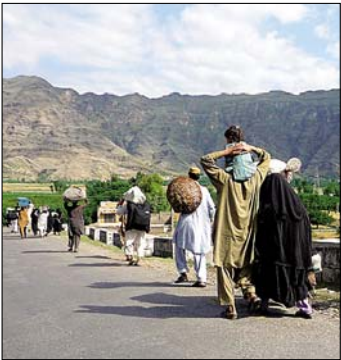
sympathy and force a truce. Health officials said a makeshift hospital in the war zone was

More than 100 of the Sri Lankan civilians killed in the artillery barrage were children, the United Nations said.

overwhelmed by casualties, and the death toll was expected to rise.

The first shells slammed into the tiny strip of rebel-controlled area along the northeast coast Saturday evening, soon after a Red Cross ship that had been evacuating wounded civilians left the area, health officials said.

About 50,000 civilians are crowded into the 2.4 mile-long strip of coast along with the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam fighters, who have been fighting for 25 years for a homeland for minority Tamils. KRISHAN FRANCIS (AP)



Pakistanis flee the embattled Swat Valley city of Mingora on Sunday.

More Flee Pakistani War Zone

Lifted curfew allows Swat Valley residents to escape fighting

MINGORA, PAKISTAN | Tens of thousands of civilians, many on foot or donkey-led carts, took advantage of a lifted curfew to flee Pakistan's embattled Swat Valley on Sunday, while the army said it had killed 400 to 500 militants in its battle against the Taliban.

The hemorrhaging of residents from a scenic valley that once attracted hordes of tourists threatened to greatly exacerbate an existing internal refugee crisis for a nuclear-armed nation already facing economic, political and other woes.

The desperate Swat residents were trying to leave any way they could — on motorbikes, animal-pulled carts, rickshaws or foot. A ban on civilian vehicles entering the valley complicated the exodus for those without cars.

"We are going out only with our clothes and a few things to eat on the long journey," said Rehmat Alam, 40, a medical technician. (AP)

Gunmen Kill 9 In Mexico's West

MORELIA, MEXICO | Gunmen killed nine people in three separate attacks in Mexico's drug-plagued western state of Michoacan, authorities said Sunday.

The state attorney general's office said gunmen broke into a ranch in a rural area and fatally shot five employees, along with four horses and a bull.

Three brothers were shot to death in the city of Zamora in a separate attack, and another was killed by gunmen in Arteaga. (AP)

HEARSAY | APPEAL

"I am hopeful and optimistic that there will be a remarkable change to her verdict."

—ABDOLSAMAD KHORRAMSHAHI, LAWYER FOR JAILED AMERICAN REPORTER ROXANA SABERI. HE SAID HE DEFENDED SABERI IN A FIVE-HOUR APPEALS HEARING ON SUNDAY.

BULGARIA | MORNING MIST



EARLY BIRDS GET THE FISH?: A sunrise silhouettes participants in a fishing championship near Sennik, Bulgaria, Sunday.



KITSCH Swine Song The Egyptian singer who found fame with the hit "I Hate Israel" and who attacked America and Saddam Hussein in song over the Iraq war has traded politics for pigs — bemoaning swine flu as the next disaster threatening Egypt, even though no cases of the disease have been reported there. "It's better for people to be healthy; to hell with the pigs; I hope they kill them, so people can feel safe," sings Shaaban Abdel Rahim. The awkward lyrics don't sound much better in Arabic, The Associated Press notes. (AP)



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Hopeful Israel to Welcome Pope

Officials say pontiff's Holy Land tour could boost country's image

JERUSALEM | Israeli officials are hoping that the visit of Pope Benedict XVI will boost tourism, improve Israel's image and bolster relations between the Jewish state and the Vatican.

Benedict was starting a five-day trip to the Holy Land on Monday, visiting sites in Israel and the West Bank and celebrating Mass in three locations — Jerusalem, Nazareth and Bethlehem.

He becomes the second pope to make an official visit to Israel,



Pope Benedict XVI arrives to celebrate Mass at a stadium in Amman, Jordan, on Sunday. The pontiff will begin his five-day tour of the Holy Land on Monday.

TOUCHY SUBJECT

The Holocaust continues to fuel tensions between Israel and the Vatican.

→ In January, Benedict lifted the excommunication of Holocaust-denying bishop Richard Williamson — only to concede after a public uproar the case was mishandled.

→ Another sore point is the role of Pope Pius XII — who Benedict called a “great churchman” — during World War II. Jews say he failed to speak out against the Holocaust.

after John Paul II, who made a trip to the Holy Land in 2000.

Tourism officials said they hope

the papal visit will attract an additional 200,000 Christian pilgrims to visit the country this year.

Briefing reporters, Israeli Tourism Minister Yuli Edelstein hoped

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The number, in thousands, of Christian pilgrims expected to join the pope during his visit to Israel this week.

images of the pope at prayer would push aside some of the impressions of Israel as a focus of war and violence.

“I’m not naive enough to think that it will fill all the screens and

that everyone will forget about the conflict,” Edelstein said, hoping the visit would boost understanding abroad “of Israeli democracy, of religious freedom, that of the existing and vital Christian minority in this country.” ARIEL DAVID (AP)

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World



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An Afghan villager visits his daughter Frishta, 7, who was burned in a U.S.-Taliban battle. Doctors voiced concerns about "unusual" burns on those injured last week.

Afghans' Injuries Raise Suspensions

Chemical may have been used in disputed U.S.-Taliban battle

KABUL | Doctors voiced concern over "unusual" burns on Afghan villagers wounded in an already controversial U.S.-Taliban battle, and the country's top human rights groups said Sunday it is investigating the possibility that white phosphorus was used.

The American military denied using the incendiary in the battle in Farah province — which President Hamid Karzai has said killed up to 130 civilians — but left open the possibility that militants did. The U.S. says the Taliban have used white phosphorus at least four times in the last two years.

Allegations that white phosphorus or another chemical may have been used threatens to deepen the controversy over what Afghan officials say could be the worst case of civilian deaths since the 2001 U.S.

INCENDIARY SUBSTANCE

THE MATERIAL: White phosphorus is spontaneously flammable and causes painful chemical burns.

USAGE: It can mark targets, create smoke screens or be used as a weapon, and can be delivered by shells, flares or hand grenades, according to Globalsecurity.org.

CONTROVERSY: The use of white phosphorus isn't banned by any treaty to which the U.S. is a signatory, but human rights groups denounce its use as cruel. (AP)

invasion that ousted the Taliban.

In Kabul on Sunday, hundreds of people marched near Kabul University to protest the U.S. military's alleged role in the deaths.

The incident in Farah drew the condemnation of Karzai, who called for an end to airstrikes. The U.S. has said militants kept villagers captive in hopes they would die in the fighting, creating a civilian casualties controversy. JASON STRAZIUSO (AP)

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ESCAPES On the Fence Australia's Adelaide Zoo was evacuated Sunday after an orangutan short-circuited an electric fence with a stick and hopped a wall surrounding her enclosure. The ape, a 27-year-old female named Karta, sat on the barrier for about 30 minutes before returning to the exhibit. (AP)

A Pawsitively Purrfect Flight

Careful preparation can take the stress out of bringing your pets on a plane trip

NEW YORK | We dress them up. We feed them gourmet foods. We treat them like members of the family. So, when we have to fly — whether it be for a beach vacation or to Grandma's house, our pets are often a first-class priority.

Bringing animals on flights has become more commonplace in recent years, but some airlines now have strict regulations — and even stricter prices — to pack a pooch or carry a cat. But with increasing concern for the welfare of canines and felines alike, there are a growing number of options to transport



Tara Zimmerman, left, and her dog, Pablo, check in with Delta Airlines at LaGuardia Airport in New York. Bringing animals on flights has become more commonplace.

pets in the friendly skies.

Here are some basic tips to ensure happy trails in the air.

→ **MAKE SURE** your pet is fit to fly. Have a veterinarian examine your pet and give a clean bill of health before the flight. Most airlines require health certificates. You may also have to bring along vaccination records.

→ **IF YOU HAVE** a snub-nosed dog or cat, such as a pug or Persian, check with your vet to make sure the pet can fly. Some of these types of animals have breathing troubles that could be complicated at high altitudes.

→ **CONSIDER MICROCHIPPING** your pet. The device, about the size of a grain of rice, can be implanted for less than \$100. And because the process gives the pet a unique ID

that can be accessed if your pet gets lost, the chances of finding the pet can grow exponentially.

→ **TRY TO CHOOSE** a less hectic time to travel to avoid stress on your animal. Weekdays are ideal.

→ **CHOOSE A NONSTOP** flight whenever possible.

→ **IF YOU ARE FLYING** during the summer and your pet is traveling in cargo, try to schedule the flight in the early morning or evening, when temperatures are lowest. If you're heading out in the winter, aim for a midday flight.

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PERSONAL FINANCE

MORTGAGES

The conditions seem ripe to become a first-time homeowner. Real estate prices are tumbling, mortgage rates are at record lows, and there are big tax credits on the table. All that might have you scrambling to assess whether you can afford to make the leap to homeownership. Here are some big and small costs to consider.

1 Getting ready. Start the process by polishing your credit report. A higher FICO score gives you greater negotiating power over the terms of the mortgage and ultimately over the total cost of the loan. A stellar score ranges from 760 to 850, and scores below 640 might mean you'll have to pay a significantly higher interest rate. Obtaining your FICO score costs \$15.95 at MyFICO.com.

2 Down payments. Rates on 30-year fixed mortgages are at a record low of 4.78 percent. At the same time,

more lenders are demanding bigger down payments of 20 percent or more. If your down payment is less than 20 percent, you generally need to pay for mortgage insurance. This could cost \$100 or more per month, depending on your loan.

3 Adding up fees. New fees introduced in the past year will likely push the price of a mortgage higher for many people. The fees are based on credit profiles, the amount of the loan in relation to property value and the type of home you're buying. They could total as much as 3 percent of the mortgage. There are also standard closing costs to consider. According to Bankrate.com, the average last year in closing costs was \$3,118 for a \$200,000 mortgage.

4 Maintenance. A common mistake for many new home buyers is focusing on the monthly mortgage alone. It's easy to forget all the maintenance costs that come with owning a home. To start, your utility costs will likely go up significantly. There are bigger maintenance matters, too, such as repainting the house periodically. CANDICE CHOI (AP)

In Brief



Leggett's plan would limit yard paving, with offenders punishable by fines.

ROCKVILLE, MD.

Montgomery County Plan Would Limit Yard Paving

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett wants to cement a proposal that would create limits on how far residents can go in paving their front yards. The county council took up Leggett's bill on Tuesday with plans calling for fines of up to \$500 a day for each violation and possibly reaching \$750 a day for repeat offenders. The measure would confine pavement in front yards to 30 percent in many neighborhoods. (AP)

MANASSAS, VA.

Pr. William Schools Restore Some Funds to 2010 Budget

Prince William County school board members say they have restored cuts to the school system's \$785 million budget for fiscal 2010. Officials say that among the restored funding is a 5 percent match for teachers' retirement plans totaling \$1.5 million and \$750,000 worth of programs for low-income students. (AP)

FORESTVILLE, MD.

Woman's Body Discovered On High School Track

Prince George's County police say a woman's body has been discovered on a high school running track. Cpl. Clinton Copeland says a citizen called police at about 6:30 a.m. Sunday to report the body at Forestville Military Academy. Copeland says the woman had trauma to her upper body. (AP)

Metro Weighs Bank Card System

Transit agency mulls new payment method for train, bus, parking

Metro is exploring a system that would allow riders to pay for rail, bus and parking using the same credit card or debit card they would use to buy gas, groceries and clothing. The system relies on bank cards that riders would tap or wave across a card reader. The cards, embedded with a computer chip, would be an alternative to

the current payment methods — traditional paper fare card, cash and Metro's electronic fare card known as SmarTrip. SmarTrip is the preferred payment method on trains and buses, and is virtually the only way to pay for parking at Metro stations.

Metro's blue-and-green SmarTrip cards are embedded with a chip, but the chip relies on proprietary technology. The new payment system would have a chip that conforms to one set of international standards, meaning the data pro-

SWIPE SITUATION

Board member Peter Benjamin said the new card system could benefit the agency and riders:

→ Over time, the agency might be able to generate revenue with a co-branded card that has Metro's name and logo on it and that of a bank.

→ If the bank card also has an affinity program, such as earning airline miles, users would be able to earn miles when they use their Metro cards.

cessing would be the same at any transit agency that uses it, in the United States or elsewhere.

"[The cards] would not only work in the Metro, but over time, in every transit system that has this," said Maryland board member Peter Benjamin, who has been pushing the concept for years. "Any Visa, MasterCard or American Express card has the same chip."

Such cards would particularly benefit tourists and other infrequent users of the system.

LENA H. SUN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

WASHINGTON | MOTHER'S DAY AT THE VIETNAM MEMORIAL



HEARTFELT: The 10th annual Mother's Day Ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial featured Iraq war veterans, and mothers who lost children in the war on terror. Cards made by schoolchildren were left at the memorial after the ceremony.

Violence Frequent In Schools

WASHINGTON | Fights, weapons and other offenses are frequent sights at some schools in the Washington suburbs, recent data shows.

Suspension figures from area school districts reveal such infractions occur on an average of almost once a day in some schools. Middle school students are involved in even more violent incidents than high schoolers, according to the data.

In Prince George's County, Md., Suitland High School gave out nearly 250 suspensions for fighting and another dozen for having weapons on campus during the 2007-08 academic year. Meanwhile in Alexandria, Va., officials at George Washington Middle School reported 168 incidents of fights or serious personal offenses, averaging nearly one incident per school day.

Francis Scott Key Middle School topped other schools in Montgomery County, Md., with students receiving more than 140 suspensions for attacks, threats and fights. Nearby White Oak Middle School was close behind with 123 such suspensions. (AP)

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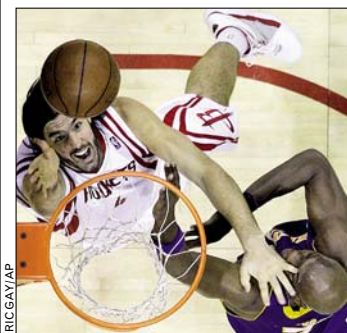
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In Brief



The Rockets' Luis Scola shoots over Lamar Oden in Houston's 99-87 win.

NBA PLAYOFFS

Yao-Less Rockets Slam Lakers to Even Series

Aaron Brooks scored a career-high 34, Shane Battier sank five 3-pointers and added 23, and the Houston Rockets routed the Los Angeles Lakers 99-87 on Sunday to even their Western Conference semifinal at two games apiece. Houston didn't seem to miss Yao Ming, who is sidelined for the remainder of the playoffs with a hairline fracture in his left foot. (AP)

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Kerr Sinks Key Birdie For Michelob Victory

Cristie Kerr emerged from a four-way tie for the lead with a tap-in birdie on the par-5 15th hole and held on to win her second Michelob Ultra Open in Williamsburg, Va. Kerr, who also won in 2005, went from one shot behind to the lead when Song-Hee Kim of South Korea made a double bogey on the par-4 16th and Kerr made her birdie moments later. (AP)

TENNIS

French Star Gasquet Tests Positive for Cocaine

French tennis player Richard Gasquet has acknowledged he's been told he tested positive for cocaine but says he's innocent. "I am gathering together proof of my innocence," Gasquet said Sunday. Gasquet said the "B" sample from the tournament in Key Biscayne, Fla., confirmed the result of the "A" sample taken the same day. (AP)



JOHN MCCONNELLY/TWP

Penguins superstar Sidney Crosby comes out on top after a collision with the Capitals' Alexander Semin in Saturday's Game 5. The teams play Game 6 on Monday night.

Caps Against the Wall — Again

Ovechkin declares 'it's not over' after 3rd-straight defeat

CAPITALS | It has been often overlooked as the Capitals continue to stockpile new fans, thanks to this year's exciting playoff run, that the nucleus of this young team is still gaining its postseason sea legs.

Just three playoff series into their collective careers, though, it's clear the Caps like to make it tough on themselves.

A year after falling behind Philadelphia 3-1 only to lose a Game 7 and just two weeks after successfully completing a comeback from 3-1 down against the Rangers, the Caps have found a new way to put their backs against a wall.

Leading 2-0 in their Eastern Conference semifinal versus the Penguins, the Caps have watched

WHAT TO WATCH FOR | GAME 6 VS. PENGUINS

Having lost three-straight contests — two in overtime — here are some story lines to follow for Monday's crucial game in Pittsburgh:



ALEXANDER SEMIN

was held scoreless in Game 5 and finished with a plus/minus of -3 in Game 4. The Caps need him to show up.



SERGEI FEDOROV

moved from center to defense late in Game 6, resulting in the game-tying goal. Will he play back again?



DONALD BRASHEAR

is now eligible to play after his six-game suspension, but Bruce Boudreau called his return unlikely.

two overtimes end with goals scored on them — a puck deflected off Shaone Morrisson's skate in Game 3, while a diving stick check went awry for Tom Poti in Game 5. Heading into Monday's must-win Game 6 in Pittsburgh,

lucky bounces and mistakes will be at a premium for the Caps, who for the seventh time in two seasons are in a win-or-go-home situation.

"We've been in this position before," said coach Bruce Boudreau. "We know it's capable of



being done."

But this is a different situation. Not only do the Caps need to win consecutive games, but they'll also need to do it without any momentum. The Caps took control of their series with the Flyers and Rangers late in those series. This time, their grip on the series was snatched away after two wins at home.

How will they respond, after a Game 5 performance Boudreau called the team's "best of the series" thus far? "They come back and they winning right now, but it's not over yet," said a defiant Alex Ovechkin. "If somebody thinks it's over, it's not over." MARK GIANNOTTO

DOPING Will He Manny Up? Los Angeles Dodgers owner Frank McCourt is furious with Manny Ramirez and is demanding that the star slugger speak to his teammates about the failed drug test that led to his 50-game suspension. The Los Angeles Times says the meeting might happen sometime after the Dodgers begin a six-game road trip in Philadelphia on Tuesday. Ramirez was suspended last week after he tested positive for a banned substance that, although not a steroid, is commonly taken by steroid users.



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Sports



Chuck Daly, center, coached the Dream Team to a gold medal at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics after winning back-to-back NBA championships with the Pistons.

Legendary NBA Coach Dies at 78

Daly led the Pistons to 2 championships, USA to '92 gold medal

OBIT | The Detroit Pistons made plenty of enemies while winning titles and throwing blows two decades ago. Chuck Daly, though, was universally admired for his class and coaching acumen.

"I never understood how a great man and nice guy coached the Bad Boys," Charles Barkley said.

Daly died Saturday at 78 in Jupiter, Fla., with his family by his side, the Pistons said. The team announced in March he was being treated for pancreatic cancer.

The Hall of Fame coach led the Dream Team to the Olympic

gold medal in 1992 after winning back-to-back NBA championships in Detroit.

Daly was renowned for his ability to create harmony out of diverse personalities at all levels of the game, whether they were Ivy Leaguers at Pennsylvania, Dream Teamers Michael Jordan and Barkley, or Pistons as dissimilar as Dennis Rodman and Joe Dumars.

Daly was voted one of the 10 greatest coaches of the NBA's first half-century in 1996, two years after being inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame. He was the first coach to win both NBA and Olympic titles. Daly had a career regular-season record of 638-437 in 13 NBA seasons. LARRY LAGE (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

CAPITALS (7 P.M. ON CSN) The Capitals face an elimination game for the fourth time in these playoffs — but for the first time against the Penguins.

NBA PLAYOFFS (7 P.M. AND 9:30 P.M. ON TNT) The Cavaliers look to sweep the Hawks, and the Nuggets can do the same to the Mavericks.

NATIONALS (10:15 P.M. ON MASN)

The Nats face D.C. native Emmanuel Burriss and the San Francisco Giants.

MORE NHL PLAYOFFS (9 P.M. ON VERSUS) Game 6 of the Blackhawks-Canucks series.

MORE BASEBALL (7 P.M. ON ESPN) The Mets host their NL East rival Braves in the first game of their series.

Stenson Shoots 66 for TPC Win

GOLF | Henrik Stenson has won the Players Championship with a flawless final round on the treacherous TPC Sawgrass, playing without a bogey for a 6-under 66 and a four-shot victory.

The 33-year-old Swede started the day five shots behind Alex Cejka, in a six-way tie for second that included Tiger Woods.

Stenson finished at 12-under 276 to finish four shots clear of Ian Poulter. He earned \$1.71 million and moves to No. 5 in the world.

Woods played in the final group and was never a factor. (AP)

MLB SCOREBOARD

Braves 4, Phillies 2

Tigers 5, Indians 3

Cardinals 8, Reds 7 (10)

Mets 8, Pirates 4

Yankees 5, Orioles 3

Rangers 7, White Sox 1

Cubs 4, Brewers 2

Astros 12, Padres 5

Mariners 5, Twins 3

Rockies 3, Marlins 2

Blue Jays 5, Athletics 0

D'backs, Nationals (late)

→ For results of Sunday night game, visit [washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com).

Damon Lifts Yankees Past Birds

New York takes series from Baltimore with late-inning comeback

ORIOLES | After Aubrey Huff had his fun at the expense of Joba Chamberlain, the New York Yankees got in the last word against the Baltimore Orioles.

Johnny Damon hit a three-run homer in the seventh inning, the biggest blow in a long-ball attack that carried New York to a 5-3 victory Sunday.

Mark Teixeira and Robinson Cano also connected for the

Yankees, who received a gritty pitching performance from Chamberlain (2-1) to capture the decisive matchup of the three-game series.

Huff homered off Chamberlain in the first inning to take Baltimore to a 3-1 lead. Huff emphatically pumped his fist after rounding first base, then did it again with even more gusto after he crossed the plate. It was a rare show of emotion by the 32-year-old, who



Mark Teixeira, center, congratulates Johnny Damon, left, after Damon hit a three-run home run against the Orioles Sunday.

is usually far more reserved after hitting a home run — especially in the first inning.

Chamberlain has angered opponents for his enthusiastic fist pumps on the mound, and Huff responded with his own version of the celebration.

"He does that stuff all the time as a pitcher, so I was just having a little fun with him out there," Huff said.

Held to one run through six innings by Orioles rookie Koji Uehara, New York rallied in the seventh against the struggling

Baltimore bullpen.

After Cano hit a solo shot off Jamie Walker, Francisco Cervelli and Derek Jeter got infield hits against Jim Johnson (2-1) before Damon drove a 3-2 pitch into the right-field seats.

DAVID GINSBURG (AP)

150

THE NUMBER OF career victories for Mets starting pitcher Livan Hernandez, who hit the milestone during New York's 8-4 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Sunday. The former ace of the Washington Nationals needed 31 pitches to get through the first inning but allowed just two runs in six innings of the work. Sparked by strong pitching, the Mets have now won seven consecutive games. (AP)

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The hotel industry
never sleeps — and
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stable employment

“People always travel,” says Larry Yu, professor of hospitality management at George Washington University. “Travel is such a part of American culture.”

Yu and his colleagues in hospitality training programs across the country are noticing the same thing: Stocks are tanking, factories are shuttering, businesses are imploding — yet the hotel industry soldiers on.

This is true both on paper (the industry grows about 3 percent annually, notwithstanding minor bumps) and in practice: For those working at a hotel, the world literally never sleeps.

“Operating in that environment is very different from an organization that can shut down on weekends. Try a hotel shutdown for a couple of months and see what happens,” says professor A. Kobina Armoo, who teaches in Strayer University’s hospitality management program. Even when hotels are renovating, they remain open because, he says, starting up again is so difficult. So, though it may make



LAWRENCE LUK

UP THE LADDER: Topaz Hotel general manager Donte Johnson, 29, went from being a desk agent to the youngest GM at any Kimpton-run hotel in the D.C. area.

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“I WAS ABLE TO JUMP IN AS AN ADMINISTRATOR. ... NOW I’M ACTUALLY COLLECTING RESUMES FROM FRIENDS WHO WANT TO GET INTO HEALTH CARE.” E9

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Donte Johnson, right, has a hand in every aspect of running the Topaz. Professor Larry Yu describes a hotel GM's job as being like a mayor. "You run all kinds of services, utilities, food, dealing with vendors, dealing with government agencies."

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sense to close when rooms are sitting empty, the lights stay on. And for the people who run the hotels of the world, therein lies the challenge and the excitement.

"You are like a mayor," Yu says. As general manager of a hotel, "you run all kinds of services, utilities, food, dealing with vendors, dealing with government agencies." Who wouldn't want to run their own little universe, one where you can experience the world without even leaving the building?

That's what gets many students interested. Donte Johnson went to school in New Jersey for a communications degree but decided once

he graduated that he'd rather be close to his family in D.C. While he tried to find a communications job in the District, he took a job as a desk agent at the Kimpton Hotel chain's Topaz, which was just opening.

"The plan was, 'I'll do this for a while and get myself sorted out, and then transition out of it,'" says Johnson, 29. Instead, he liked the work so much — meeting cultured, worldly travelers, being exposed to people from all over — that he stuck with it.

After bouncing from hotel to hotel and working his way up the ladder, he's now the general manager at the hotel he helped open and the youngest Kimpton GM in Washington.



“I'D MUCH RATHER BE AT THE BAR TALKING TO GUESTS HAVING DINNER ... THAN SITTING IN TRAFFIC.”

Today, he works directly with guests, sits in on all meetings (revenue, sales and so on) and tries to check in with every department in the hotel over the course of the day, especially the housekeeping staff ("who have the toughest job in the hotel as far as I'm concerned," he says).

Communication is just another aspect of the field hospitality workers love. "If you're a manager at PricewaterhouseCoopers, you might never deal with a human being," Armoo says.

Communication is just another aspect of the field hospitality workers love.

Yet long working hours can be a source of frustration, which is part of what causes the typically high turnover in hospitality and lodging (up to 75 percent for front-line employees, sometimes as high as 25 percent for back-of-house and corporate positions, reports the Bureau of Labor Statistics).

Johnson's day starts at 7:30 a.m. and doesn't end until 10 to 12 hours later, at which point he's wrapped up most of the day's behind-the-scenes work and spends his time mingling in the lobby and hotel bar, checking in with guests. But, he says, "that stuff doesn't even feel like work to me. I'd much rather be at the bar talking to guests having dinner, asking them how their day is going, than sitting in traffic."

The money (not bad: median income is about \$100,000 per year for D.C.-area managers) and the feeling of being in charge of a fast-paced, multifaceted operation are other reasons many are heading into the lodging industry even in the midst of the recession. And with Hilton Hotels Corporation's announcement earlier this year that it would move its corporate headquarters from California to Tysons Corner, the industry has nowhere to go but up.

That's not necessarily because Hilton will be hiring gobs of fresh

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Getting Ahead

BY THE NUMBERS



HOSPITALITY: HIGH GROWTH INDUSTRY

The Department of Labor counts hospitality as a "high growth" industry, and it's not hard to see why.

14: The percentage growth of jobs in hotels and other accommodations between 2006 and 2016.

11: The percentage growth of jobs in all industries combined.

48,062: The number of hotels in the United States.

\$1.4: The amount, in millions, spent in American hotels a minute.

420: The number of hotel rooms planned to be built or added in downtown D.C.

7,324: The number of hotel rooms added in D.C. from 2001 to 2008.

\$5.9: The amount, in millions, the Employment Training Administration has invested in the hospitality industry.

SOURCES: BLS, AMERICAN HOTEL AND LODGING ASSOCIATION, DC BID, WDCEP.COM



LAWRENCE LUK

HOSPITALITY FOR ALL: Johnson is equal-opportunity when interacting with his guests — even the canines get a friendly pat from the Topaz GM as he strolls the lobby.

talent — a spokeswoman for Hilton was unable to confirm how many jobs would be created in Virginia. She explained that some or most of Hilton's corporate employees would be making the move from California, thus reducing the need to hire here. (As of press time, only 66 job openings — in everything

from marketing to HR to "Director of Spas" — were posted on Careers.hilton.com for Hilton's new McLean, Va., headquarters.) However, lower-level corporate jobs might be opening, too.

More importantly: With corporate headquarters right around the corner, the pressure's on individual

hotels to perform better. "[Corporate managers] can walk right in," Armoo says. So, if a motivated would-be employee shows up, who knows what could happen?

And careers in D.C., at least for now, are booming. Maryam Khan, who directs the hospitality program at Howard University, receives so

many calls from local hotels with openings that she doesn't have enough students to fill them.

Meanwhile, Johnson and others like him are busy working their way up. "My immediate goal is to be the best GM in Kimpton," he says. "It starts with taking over D.C." RACHEL KAUFMAN

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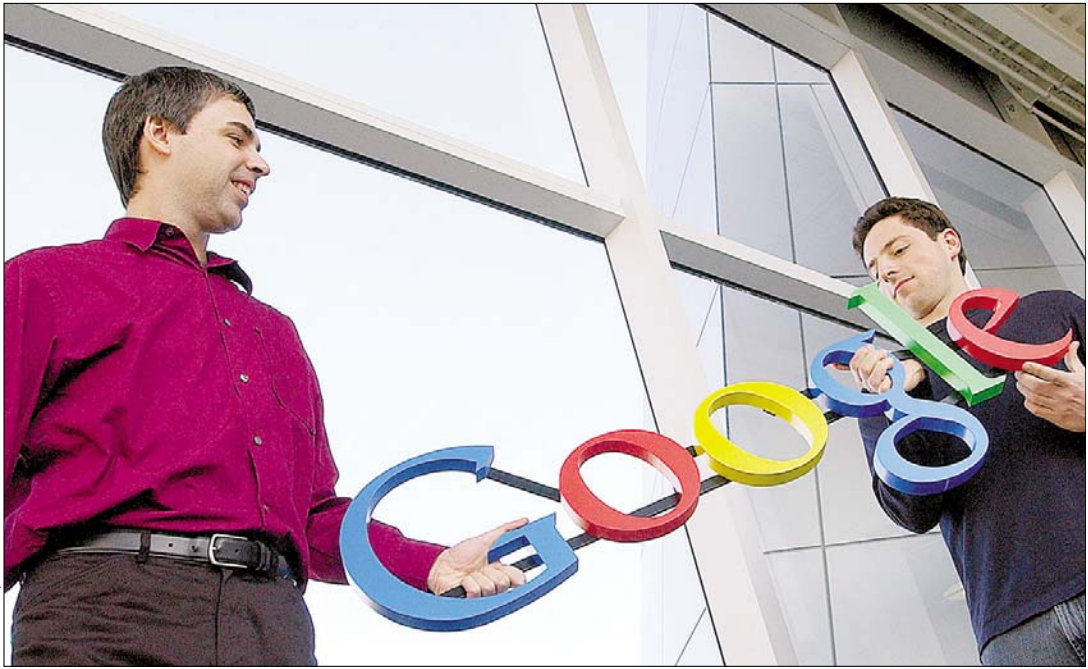
World Web Wonders

Google's high-tech royalty took risks and embraced luck


Google founders Sergey Brin and Larry Page are both revered and reviled for their dominance of the Web. The new book "Google Speaks" (\$20, Wiley) spills some of the secrets of their success, from

their willingness to take risks to their embrace of a laid-back corporate lifestyle. We spoke with author Janet Lowe, who meticulously researched the pair but was not granted an interview with them, to learn more about the 30-something computer geeks-turned-business tycoons she dubs the "twin princes of high technology."

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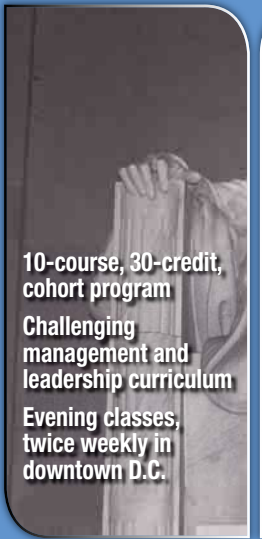


Larry Page, left, and Sergey Brin wrangle their company's colorful logo at Google's headquarters in Mountain View, Calif.



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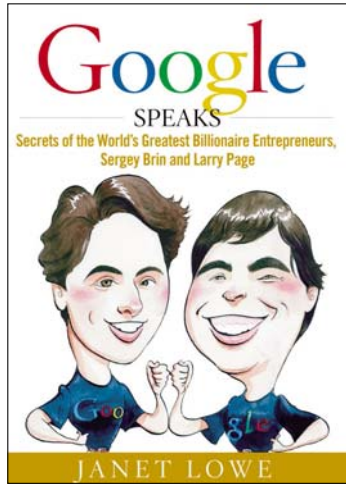
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What was the most surprising thing you learned about Sergey Brin and Larry Page?

Personally, what was always surprising was how directly and confidently they went toward their goals. They knew what path they were on, they stayed on the path, they were passionate about it, and it happened very young. ... Their parents, in different places and different ways, kind of groomed them for this, but even they didn't realize how magnificently it would turn out. From a business standpoint, what surprised me most was a negative thing. This company and these people have a very cavalier attitude toward other people's intellectual property rights.

What are some keys to Brin and Page's success?

I found it interesting that they both were early Montessori students. And that in both cases their parents introduced them to computers and provided them access to good mental tools, and yet they also kind of set them loose and let them go at their own pace and do their own thing. Their parents gave them a lot of intellectual freedom and leeway, and I think that is a really wonderful parenting lesson for all parents.



What role did luck play?

The fact that they had enormous success you could call luck, but there's a lot of terrific management in that as well. But there is luck; there's always a certain amount of luck. The fact that they met each other, that was lucky, but it was also smart that they recognized each other's talents.

How has Google been helped and hurt by its reputation for secrecy?

In the atmosphere that they work in, in Silicon Valley and the world of technology, a certain amount of that is necessary. I think they go too far with it, especially the way they deal with the media. But as they mature, I hope they will see

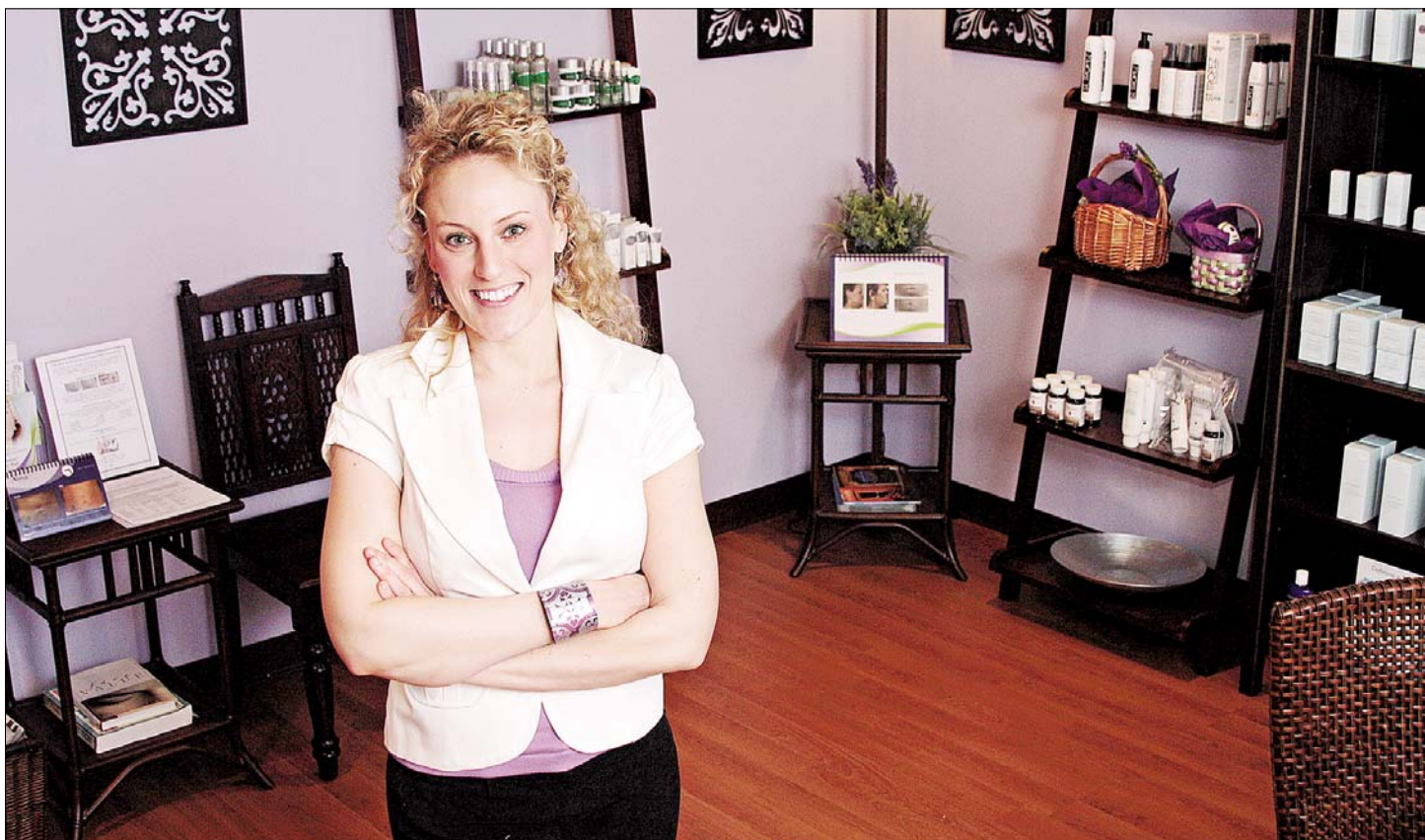
the benefit of being a little more straightforward about what the company's doing and why. The other aspect of it is when you are out promoting openness and transparency on the Internet, you should also be practicing it.

Has Google become too powerful?

I don't think that we can be sure that Larry Page, Sergey Brin and Eric Schmidt [Google's CEO] are always going to run Google, or that all their employees are always going to be totally ethical. I think there are a lot of dangers in the amount of information they have and the way they can use that information. I do use Google, but I hope to never rely on it entirely.

What can all businesspeople, no matter their field, learn from Brin and Page?

It was wonderful the way they stood up to Wall Street when they went public and the way they have tried to define the way that they did business. I don't think they always can and will adhere to their motto "Don't do evil," because what's good to one person may be bad to another. However, I admire them enormously for trying, and I think all businesses should try to think about that when they make decisions.



REGAN KRELLIS

THE BEAUTY OF SELF-EMPLOYMENT: Yvonne de Vilar Scientific Skin Care graduate Calvert Thompson is the owner of Calvert Rejuvenations in Fairfax County.

About Face

A music major found her perfect rhythm as a spa owner and skin-care authority

Calvert Thompson was a music major at Virginia Tech. But her success as an entrepreneur shows that you can follow your bliss by following a different drummer.

"I had an entertainment bent but didn't want to do opera or teach," says the cheerful 27-year-old. "That's when massage school came to me. I always had a knack for it."

Right out of college, Thompson enrolled in the National Massage

Therapy Institute in Falls Church. What started as a childhood affinity led to one and a half years of massage practice with Alternative Health Associates, an Alexandria medi-spa.

It was a good experience, she says, but just one part of a long-term plan.

"My goal was to learn how the business is run," Thompson says. The child of self-employed parents says, "I knew I wanted to open my own practice."

And not just in massage. "For career longevity," she says, a variety of services would be necessary. That meant heading back to school

— to Yvonne de Vilar Scientific Skin Care (703-281-2070, Scientificskincare.com).

This 30-year-old Vienna school's basic course — which covers facials, scrubs, wraps, waxing, bronzing and makeup application — has no more than 12 students at a time. The master course — covering microdermabrasion, lymphatic-drainage massage and chemical peels — enrolls eight students at most. Those who are already licensed may complete only the master program.

Each \$10,000 course takes 600 hours and can be done full time in about six months or part time in about a year. Yvonne de Vilar students practice on one another and on paying customers; the school's salon charges a fraction of what a regular day spa does.

"Day spas and doctors' offices tend to call us first because our estheticians can start on Day One," says assistant director and master instructor April Coleman. Graduates have also learned "cus-

tomers service, product knowledge and ingredient technology — how something works chemically and what it will do to your skin."

With that background, graduates can work in many arenas: at a day spa, a medi-spa, a doctor's office, as an educator for a skin care line or as a beauty writer. Salaries, Coleman says, can start

as low as \$18 an hour at a day spa — employees may also get commissions and tips — and \$40,000 to \$45,000 a year at a medical office. Some estheticians make six-figure salaries.

Certification as a master esthetician allowed Thompson more career flexibility. She spent a year working in a Reston spa, honing her skills.

"Having worked in others' facilities, I always saw something I wanted to change," she says. Clients shouldn't be left alone in the treatment room, she thought, and should enjoy a near-full massage with facials. And Thompson wanted to be surrounded by her

favorite color, lavender.

In July 2006, she got the chance to try her ideas in her own place when Calvert Rejuvenations opened in part of a doctor's office. In February 2008, the spa moved to a three-room suite in the woods near the Fairfax County Parkway.

"Having worked in others' facilities, I always saw something I wanted to change."

It may not have seemed an auspicious time to grow a business, but Thompson has added both staff and services. Of her five employees — two massage therapists, two estheticians and an office manager — two are Yvonne de Vilar grads and one is in school there.

Since last fall, Thompson has expanded her hours, kept prices steady and invested in an Accent XL machine, which uses radio waves to tighten skin and reduce wrinkles. "The down payment on it equaled the down payment on my house," Thompson laughs, "but it's proven to be a big draw."

Thompson spends about 60 percent of her time doing treatments and 40 percent running Calvert Rejuvenations. "You need to keep them separate," she's discovered. "You can't take the stresses of the business into the room with you. You *have* to chill out!"

That's hard to do when your workweek often stretches to seven days, but "exercise gets me through," Thompson runs with her dogs and bikes to work. More support comes from positive feedback, such as being voted "best facial" by Northern Virginia magazine's readers in next month's issue.

With boosts like that, will she expand the business even more? "I intend to," she says. "I know the school's quality and stay connected as far as placement there." That's good news for Yvonne de Vilar graduates — and for Thompson's clients. ELLEN RYAN

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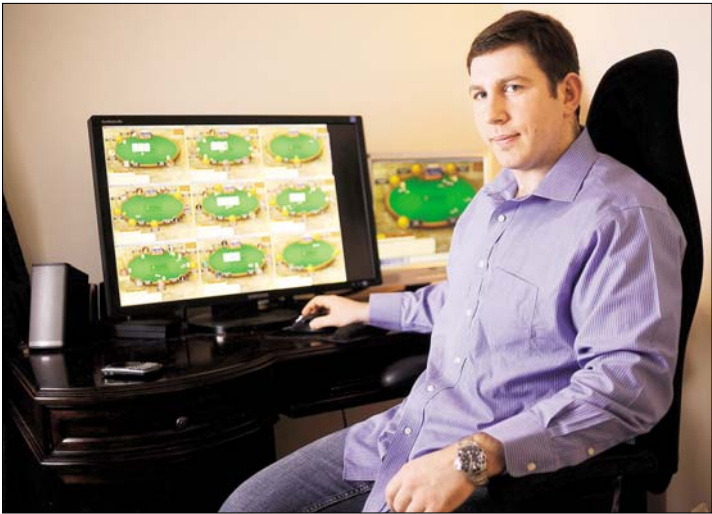
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It's All in the Cards

→ **NAME:** Collin Moshman, 28
→ **JOB:** Professional poker player and coach. He also hosts online instructional videos for Stoxpoker.com and has authored two books: "Sit 'n' Go Strategy" and "Heads-Up No-Limit Hold 'Em."
→ **EDUCATION:** A bachelor's degree in mathematics from the California Institute of Technology.
→ **SALARY:** Depending on your game, anywhere from \$40,000 to \$250,000, he says.
→ **WHAT HE DOES:** Moshman's played in live tournaments such as the World Series of Poker and the European Poker Tournament Final,

but the bulk of his card playing is online, where he's an expert at Sit 'n' Go poker — ongoing, online tournaments one can play at any given time. He has also begun staking other players, which means providing a bankroll for another person to play, then divvying up the profits. "My wife, Katie, is my most successful stakee," he says.
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JASON HORNICK

Moshman mostly plays online, where he's an expert at the game Sit 'n' Go poker.

"A fellow player said it's like you're working for a company and you're doing really good work, and every now and then your boss comes in

and slaps you and takes your money for no reason," Moshman says. "You've got to be willing to ride out the downswings."

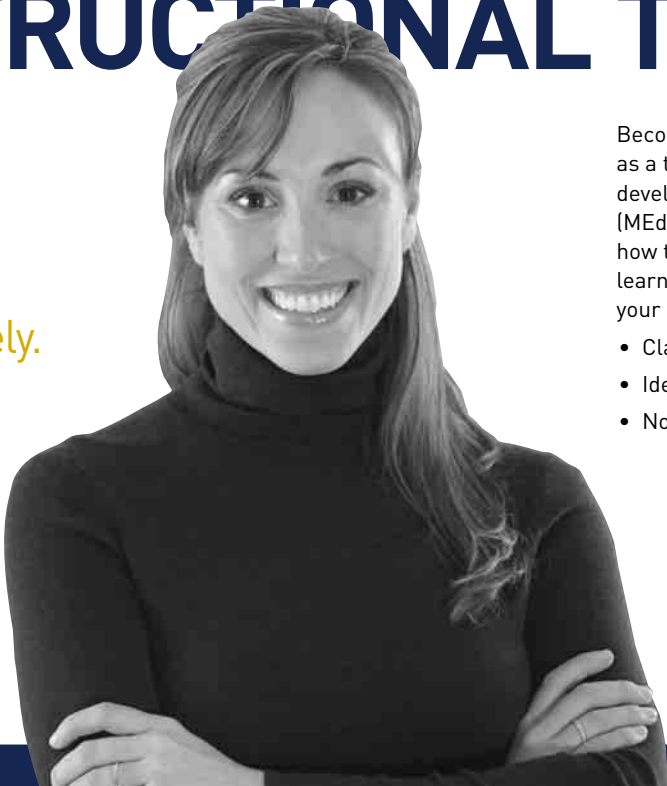
→ **HOW YOU CAN GET HIS JOB:** "Sit there and go through the math of the game," he says, "Fundamentally, there are numbers behind poker. If you take the time to understand those numbers, you will start to beat opponents." Track your progress by writing down your new tactics and assumptions, even if you think of them while away from the cards: "You need to think about the game away from the table," Moshman says. There are a wealth of online resources, too: "You can watch videos at sites like Stoxpoker, be active in the poker forums, or even get one-on-one coaching." ROBYN MINCHER

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The Bright Spots

Technology, health care and espionage jobs are still plentiful despite the gloom

Christine Ruvo knew she was having a better recession than most as she mulled over the four job offers she had to choose from.

"I've never had a problem finding a job," said Ruvo, a veteran physical therapist who moved from New York to take a position with a Washington home health-care provider. "I didn't know that it was the kind of job that was recession-proof when I got into it. But it's turned out to be a real blessing."

Amid the worst unemployment crisis in a generation, people are finding jobs in Washington.

In a sea of frustrated job seekers, Ruvo is one of the lucky ones. But she is not alone. Amid the worst unemployment crisis in a generation, people are finding jobs in the Washington region, from therapists to receptionists to CIA agents. Even as temporary hiring freezes congeal into an employment ice age, the experts say there are hot spots, including health care, engineering, biotech, and software and network design.

And some of the hot spots will grow hotter. Stimulus spending will pump billions of dollars through government agencies and contractors in the area. Many lobbying firms and trade associations are staffing up to fight for a slice of the ballooning federal budget, meaning work for scores of lawyers, secretaries and researchers. The military base realignment will create boomlets near Maryland's Fort Meade and Virginia's Fort Belvoir, first for construction

workers, and then for administrators and janitors.

"We're one of the lucky ones to be in this area right now," said Fred DiSalvo, director of staffing and recruitment at Northrop Grumman's Reston-based Information Systems division. The company plans to hire about 4,000 employees in the Washington region this year, largely in software develop-

ment and network security.

Melissa S. Fireman, president of Washington Career Services, said her clients are finding the most success in health care — particularly home-based services — engineering, scientific management and computer programming.

The employment cataclysm

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Gainfully employed physical therapist Christine Ruvo works with client Claire Aubin.

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held little fear for Ruvo when she decided to give up a longtime job at a nursing home. She blew the dust off her résumé and quickly secured interviews and offers from the four businesses she contacted.

"The first day I posted it, I got eight phone calls from headhunters," said Ruvo, who settled in Arlington County. "They're still calling."

Health care workers don't face much competition, because other job seekers can't become physical therapists — or nurses or medical social workers — overnight. Ruvo's company, Professional Healthcare Resources of Annandale, has a trove of 30 to 40 jobs to fill each month, but managers haven't seen a big increase in applications from the desperately unemployed.

Still, Randy Stephens found a way to tap into the health care boom without a nursing degree.

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"I was able to jump in as an administrator," said Stephens, the company's director of recruitment, who started his new job in January. When the economy began eating away at his business as a consultant to federal contractors late last year, he decided to take his expertise in staffing to a more fail-safe sector. "Now I'm actually collecting résumés from friends who want to get into health care."

Another sector that is not-so-secretly hiring is the spy business. Local want ads include regular postings from the National Security Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency and Central Intelligence Agency, actively hustling for recruits. And all, reportedly, are enjoying a surge in job seekers.

Applications to the CIA are up 30 to 40 percent over last year, said John Guyant, the agency's chief of recruitment and retention. As it works to fill slots in 90 categories, from engineer to clan-

"I just walked into the agency recruiting booth at this job fair, and I was embraced."

—RECENT CIA HIRE,
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destine operative, he said the CIA is hearing from former bankers, professors and refugees from the manufacturing sector.

"I just walked up to the agency recruiting booth at this job fair, and I was embraced," said a recent CIA hire, a 43-year-old onetime direct marketing executive whose job history included neither cloaks nor daggers. The new Latin America analyst, who was made available for an interview on the condition that she not be identified, said she is delighted to be using her international studies degree and language skills.

Not surprisingly, things are tougher down the wage ladder.

Employment seeker James Turner said anyone can find a job in this market if he or she is willing to take what's available.



As a home health care provider, Ruvo received eight phone calls from headhunters on the same day she posted her resume.

NIKKI KHAN/TWP

The 46-year-old, who lost his job last year when the Hotel Washington closed for renovation, is piecing together a livelihood. He found a \$7.60-an-hour slot at a Giant supermarket in Bethesda and is about to start a second job at a CVS drugstore. And he's still looking.

"I went to a job fair today," Turner said recently. "I don't think it's the worst [job market] in decades. I think it's that a lot of people aren't humbling themselves. Right now, you've got to take what's out there." STEVE HENDRIX

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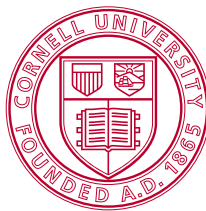
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Like a fine vintage, Green Day improves with age (and a lot of really hard work)

Q&A | Green Day returns this month with a rock opera that's thrashtastic enough for its old fans — and new ones. Frontman Billie Joe Armstrong talked about its new album, "21st Century Breakdown," (being released worldwide May 15) and "American Idiot" the musical.

"21st Century Breakdown" continues the rock opera format of "American Idiot." Does it concern you that people may see it as "American Idiot: Part II"?

No, I think we're working harder and diving into our songwriting harder than ever. And we know that. There's no stone left unturned. If anything, "American Idiot" gave us an opportunity to become even more creative. Right now, it's sort of an era for us, where we're writing the best material we've ever written in the past five years.

What's the basic concept of the album?

There are two characters. The main one is Gloria — she's a person who's trying to hold onto her beliefs while still trying to have vitality in life and hold the torch. The other side of it is Christian, who is becoming a victim of his own demons. And instead of car-



COMING SOON: Green Day's "21st Century Breakdown" drops May 15; from left, Mike Dirnt, Billie Joe Armstrong and Tre Cool.

rying the torch, he's trying to burn everything down. I sing through those two characters, from my own experiences. That's the personal side of it.

Would you say that it's Green Day's most ambitious album?

Yeah, it's the most ambitious and the most vulnerable at the same time. I taught myself how to play piano, so I broadened my songwriting abilities a little more. We just set the bar really high and tried to have as much patience as we could

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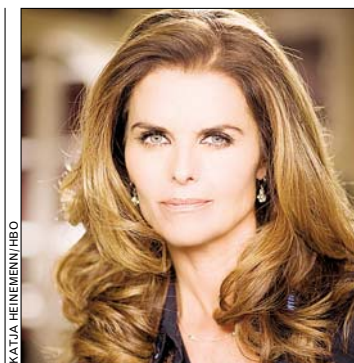
to get the ideas down, because these songs start to come in and you don't know what's going to fit and what's not going to fit. I was sitting around reading the lyrics to everybody, and that's when the idea for "21st Century Breakdown"

really started to glue together.

How does it feel that "American Idiot" is becoming a musical?

It's crazy. There are three new songs off of "21st Century" that are going to be on it, and a couple of songs that never made anything. [Director Michael Mayer] created this story, and it's like "Jesus of Suburbia" kind of trapped inside his own head. When we saw the workshop, there wasn't a dry eye in the house. It's going to be amazing.

MITCHELL PETERS (BILLBOARD.COM)



Maria Shriver produced and hosts HBO's "The Alzheimer's Project."

'Project' Is Of Heart And Mind

HBO explores the emotion and science linked to Alzheimer's

TV | "The Alzheimer's Project" is an ambitious, disturbing, emotionally fraught and carefully optimistic four-part documentary exploring virtually every angle of Alzheimer's disease.

Though it debuted Sunday on HBO, a segment titled "Grandpa, Do You Know Who I Am?" airs Monday, Maria Shriver, one of the more sugarcoating-averse individuals of our time, gets straight to the point: How does one handle having a parent or grandparent who is no longer the person he or she once was? Her own father, the indomitable Sargent Shriver, was diagnosed years ago, and the first lady of California long ago dedicated herself to raising awareness of the disease.

Finally, "Momentum in Science," which begins Monday night, too, provides a near-perfect balance of scientific explanation and narrative accessibility.

MARY MCNAMARA (LOS ANGELES TIMES)



BOX OFFICE Spock Scores "Star Trek" beamed itself up to the top of the box office, earning \$76.5 million in its opening weekend. Paramount Pictures had estimated that the movie would make about \$50 million for the weekend, but figured that strong reviews helped carry it to the bigger opening. Director J.J. Abrams' reboot of the beloved sci-fi franchise made \$72.5 million from Friday through Sunday, plus \$4 million just in pre-midnight screenings Thursday, the studio said Saturday. (AP)

Art and Life Intersect

Kate Voegelé and her character on 'One Tree Hill' have parallel careers in music

DOUBLE THREAT | When singer-songwriter Kate Voegelé releases her sophomore album, "A Fine Mess," May 18, she'll have twice the celebrating to do. Not only is she releasing a new album, but the character she plays on the show "One Tree Hill," Mia, is also putting out the same set on the season finale.

Voegelé, who was discovered in 2006 on her MySpace page, was one of the first two artists to sign with MySpace Records, on which she released her 2007 debut, "Don't

Look Away." She started on the fifth season of "One Tree Hill" in 2008 as aspiring musician Mia, performing several of her own songs. The exposure helped drive the success of "Don't Look Away," which sold 237,000 copies, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

When it came to inviting Voegelé back to the CW drama for season six, the show's creator, Mark Schwahn, wanted to take her role a step further by showing Mia recording her second album.

"Artists' lives change so much after their first record," Schwahn says. "The second album usually has a lot of pressure. If Kate was going to go into the studio to work on her album, that would be a great opportunity to use those songs in



Voegelé is not only a TV star, but she was one of the first MySpace Records artists.

the show." He says it could be done only if Voegelé was truly up for it, but she took it as a call to action.

"I had to get stuff in gear really quickly, but it was almost better than if I had had five months to write it," she says.

Not only were Mia and Voegelé recording sophomore albums, but Schwahn also used the artist's lyrics to shape Mia's story line. "I knew Mark was going to make sure he was writing a character that wasn't so different from Kate," her manager Debbie Wilson says.

So far in season six, Voegelé has premiered the songs "Manhattan From the Sky" and "Angel," both of which are available on iTunes, and Wilson says three more will debut on the show by the finale.

Voegelé currently is on the Lift Me UP tour, sponsored by the University of Phoenix, through which she takes online classes. For the past year, she's blogged on MySpace about her experience balancing school and touring. The university also sponsored her spring

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2008 tour.

Voegelé is recording video blogs and other updates on the social networking site. "It's a great way to connect the fans to the music," she says. "They're invested in 'One Tree Hill,' and they're invested in these characters." LAURA LEEBOVE

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Out on a Dramatic Note

'House' wraps up its over-the-top, intense fifth season tonight

TA-TA | While not exactly the man with two brains, a new patient (Ash-ton Holmes) has a civil war on his mind as "House" (8 p.m., Fox) wraps up its fifth season. Apparently, the right and left lobes of his brain can't decide who's top dog.

Meanwhile, our cranky doctor earns the rebuke of Dr. Cuddy for refusing to treat an elderly patient, played by screen and TV veteran Carl Reiner.

This season has seen one major character suffer from a degenerative disease and the sudden departure (via suicide) of another. House has experienced hallucinations and visions of the dead, and even pangs of emotion bordering



Veteran actor Carl Reiner, left, guest-stars as a wannabe patient of House's.

on love. It's been eventful, but not without the sense that everyone's trying just a tad too hard.

In contrast, "Medium" (9 p.m. and 10 p.m., NBC) is at once much more preposterous and entirely grounded. We may not whole-

heartedly buy into mother-daughter chats about the difficulty of seeing dead people during college-entrance exams, but, gosh darn it, Patricia Arquette makes it so believable. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

tonight's lineup

LESS IS SO MUCH MORE
Danny DeVito appears on INSIDE THE ACTORS STUDIO (7 p.m., Bravo).

SEASON FINALE NO. 1
Leonard and Penny take stock on THE BIG BANG THEORY (8 p.m., CBS).

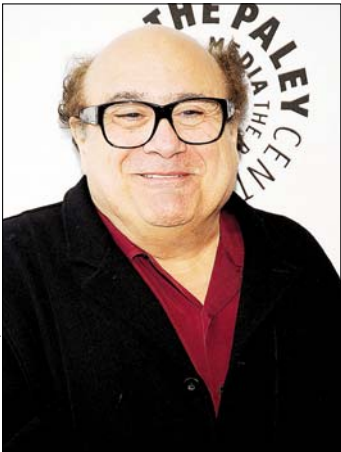
NEON AND SHOULDER PADS
Nostalgia from the 1980s takes over on GOSSIP GIRL (8 p.m., CW).

VIOLENT TENDENCIES
Gearheads turn everyday vehicles into military machines in the new series WEAPONIZERS (9 p.m., Discovery).

NERDY GIRL FIGHT!
After a season of teasing, we finally get to see some competitive fireworks between uber-nerds Chloe and Janis on the third-to-last episode of 24 (9 p.m., Fox).

SEASON FINALE NO. 2
A faux face becomes a federal case on the season finale of CASTLE (10 p.m., ABC).

CHAT, FORREST, CHAT!
Tom Hanks and the Killers appear on



Find out Danny DeVito's favorite sound tonight on "Inside the Actors Studio."

LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN
(11:35 p.m., CBS).

SOUNDS PLEASANT
A killer sets his victim on simmer on CSI: MIAMI (10 p.m., CBS).

HOT LINEUP
Jay Leno hosts Russell Brand and Ciara on THE TONIGHT SHOW (11:35 p.m., NBC). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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Minor Chord, Major Artist

Even if you're sick of hearing "Hallelujah" on first-season finales of television shows, you can probably still appreciate Leonard Cohen's most famous song. Surprisingly, that quiet, heartfelt hit isn't typical of Cohen's work, which is more often smart, sad and cynical. You can appreciate all his musical facets when you catch his first tour in more than a decade at the Merriweather Post Pavilion. F.Z.

→ *Merriweather Post Pavilion, 10475 Little Patuxent Pwy., Columbia; 6:30 p.m., \$40-\$250; 202-397-7328.*

top stops

Compiled by Express' Karmah Elmusa and Fiona Zublin. Read more of their picks every day at Expressnightout.com/topstops.

2 Sweet Shoegazers

Monday nights are for sweet, mellow music — our pick for this week is Wye Oak, an indie folk duo from Baltimore. Their songs are sweet, simple, sad creations full of meditations on love and mortality. Don't worry, they're not as depressing as that made them sound; they have some hipster bounce to their music. The Pomegranates will back them up at the Black Cat tonight. F.Z.

→ *Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; 9 p.m., \$10; 202-667-4490. (U St.-Cardozo)*



3 Don't Wear It With Navy

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THE SOLOIST (PG13) 1:15, 4:05, 7:15, 10:05

EARTH (G) 12:35, 2:50, 5:05, 7:25, 9:55

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CRANK HIGH VOLTAGE (R) 9:50 PM

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HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G) 1:45, 4:35

OBSERVE AND REPORT (R) 9:45 PM

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THE SOLOIST (PG13) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20

17 AGAIN (PG13) 3:10, 5:35, 7:50

HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G) 3:00, 5:30

I LOVE YOU, MAN (R) 2:10, 4:30, 7:10

AMC SELECT

ADVENTURELAND (R) 2:50, 5:20, 7:40

AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14

10300 Patuxent Parkway

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AMC SELECT

ADVENTURELAND (R) 1:40, 6:45

AMC TYSONS CORNER 16

7850 Tysons Corner Center

DIGITAL 3D
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HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G) 1:55, 4:40

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MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12

800 Shopper's Way, Largo

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LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7

2772 South Randolph

VALENTINO: THE LAST EMPEROR (PG13) 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:35

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IS ANYBODY THERE? (PG13) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:50

TYSON (R) ✓ 12:30, 2:50, 5:05, 7:20

AMERICAN VIOLET (PG13) 2:00, 4:45, 7:25

SUGAR (R) 1:50, 4:40, 7:40

SUNSHINE CLEANING (R) 12:25, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45

SIN NOMBRE (R) 12:15, 2:35, 5:00, 7:30

LOEWS UPTOWN 1

3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W.

STATE OF PLAY (PG13) 2:05, 4:55, 7:45

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LOEWS RIO CINEMAS 18

9811 Washingtonian Boulevard

DIGITAL PRESENTATION

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HANNAH MONTANA: THE MOVIE (G) 3:25, 8:10

MONSTERS VS. ALIENS (PG) 2:25, 4:50 3D NOT AVAILABLE FOR THESE SHOWTIMES

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Chicago's Office of Emergency Management has invested in "anomaly detection" cameras across town. The city plans to use the video technology at Navy Pier.

The Camera Catches All

Video system helps companies to detect anomalies from afar

The surveillance cameras at Big Y, a Massachusetts grocery chain, are not just passively recording customers and staff. They're studying checkout lines for signs of "sweethearting." That's when cashiers use subtle tricks to pass free goods to friends: obscuring the bar code, slipping an item behind the scanner, passing two items at a time but charging for one.

There simply aren't enough watchful human eyes to keep it from happening. So, Big Y is using technology to block it — with implications far beyond dishonest cashiers.

Mathematical algorithms embedded in the stores' new security system pick out sweethearting on their own. There's no need for a security guard to watch banks of video monitors or review hours of grainy footage. When the system thinks it's spotted evidence, it alerts management on a computer screen and offers up the

footage.

The possibilities that researchers envision for this kind of technology have the ring of science fiction. Already, cities such as Chicago have invested in "anomaly detection" cameras across town, linked to emergency headquarters.

Big Y's security system comes from a Cambridge, Mass.-based company called StopLift Inc. The technology works by scouring video pixels for various gestures and deciding whether they add up to a normal transaction at the register or not.

In the middle of a six-month trial, Mark Gaudette, Big Y's head of loss prevention, decided he'd seen enough and began rolling out the system in all of the chain's 58 locations.

"We realized that we had a problem with training," Gaudette said, explaining that in many cases cashiers didn't realize they were missing the scanner. He would not say how much the company is spending on the technology, but said he expects to save up to \$3 million a year by using it.

ANDREW VANACORE (AP)

DISCUSSIONS

FAST FORWARD

You recently said that with Windows XP, it's better to not have a password if your computer is physically secure. Is this true of Vista also? And should Vista users follow your advice to have both an administrative user and a standard user, with the standard user account used for everyday computing?

What? Um, no, I've never said that. Not having a password at all on your computer is one of the dumbest things you could do. You can choose not to have the system lock itself when idle, but that's not the same thing.

Not having a password at all on your computer is one of the dumbest things you could do.

I'm trying to move 200-plus contacts from my old Palm TX to my new iPod Touch. Googling provides a lot of ways, mostly going through Outlook to convert to vCards, but none has been successful. Do you know of any reliable ways?

Use Outlook as your only transfer mechanism: Sync the TX to Outlook using Palm Desktop, then use iTunes to sync those contacts over to the iPod. Once they're on the device, you can then sync them to a different contacts app, like Windows Address Book or Mac's Address Book.

My computer is four years old with XP. It streams very slowly but it used to be OK, so I don't think it is my Internet provider. Any hints? Upgrade your memory. Nothing will offer a better return on your investment.



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B.I.O.

BY INVITATION ONLY: UPCOMING WEDDINGS & UNIONS

Tricia Bickley, Josh Wenz

Tricia, 32, is a program analyst. Josh, 35, is a budget analyst and owner of an organic gardening company. They live in Hyattsville.

- **The Main Event:** May 23 in Denver, Colo., in a meadow, with a reception in "a big red barn." Josh's dad is officiating.
- **Honeymoon:** Peru.
- **How They Met:** As Peace Corps volunteers in Bulgaria.
- **First Impressions:** "I thought he was a complete jerk. We didn't talk to each other the first year of Peace Corps."
- **First Date:** Skiing in the small Bulgarian city of Vratsa.
- **How He Proposed:** He took her on a walk in a park with a thermos full of hot chocolate.
- **Their Song:** The Super Mario Bros. theme song, Josh says. "Unfortunately, that's about as close as we get to hav-



ing 'our' song," says Tricia.

- **Stupidest Fight:** Says Josh: "Whether or not it's OK to use your fingers to take food off of other people's plates in public."
- **Wedding Jitters:** "That the band won't show up" (on the contract, the band leader accidentally wrote his own October birthday as the event date).
- **With an Infinite Budget:** Josh would buy Slim Jims for each table.



Joe Dunton, Ashleigh Kida

Joe, 38, is a network engineer. Ashleigh, 30, is an occupational therapy assistant. They will live in Fairfax after they are married.

- **The Main Event:** A formal event at an Episcopal church in Massachusetts on May 30. Ashleigh wants to walk down the aisle to "All You Need Is Love."
- **Honeymoon:** The couple's hoping to take a train across Canada.
- **How They Met:** Ashleigh was working in Hawaii and Joe was on vacation; they met in a Wal-Mart when she was shoe shopping. "I saw Joe from behind and wondered if the view of the front was just as good as the back!"
- **First Date:** On Ashleigh's way back from Hawaii, they met up in Vegas.
- **How He Proposed:** "It was really informal — I asked her at home if she wanted to get married."
- **Most Hated Clothing Item:** "Anything orange," she says.
- **Their Song:** "Good People" by Jack Johnson. "Joe used to do the funniest dance to it."
- **Wedding Jitters:** "That the make-up artist will make me look like a hooker!"

The Joke Was on Her

JON PLISKA had planned a romantic day to propose to **ELLEN SCHLEICHER**: the symphony, dinner, a walk by the river, the works. But when Ellen joked that she wanted to enjoy being married before having kids, she inadvertently pushed the proposal up a day. Jon stormed out of the room and returned with the ring. "I finally believed him when he said it would have been the most expensive practical joke ever," she says. The couple met while taking care of a friend of Ellen's who'd had too much to drink. ("I figured I'd never see her again, as she'd most likely want to forget that night ever happened," Jon says.)

The pair, who live in Bladensburg, will marry June 13 in Madison, Wis. Jon, 28, is a historian. Ellen, 28, is a health analyst.

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

YES 65%
NO 35%

"My parents and I watched 'Star Trek' [while I was] growing up. The original series and movies were all right. The spin-off series started stretching it and making 'Star Trek' go overboard."

AN ANONYMOUS COMMENTER, WHO ADDED, "I THINK THIS NEW GENERATION OF CHILDREN MAY FIND IT INTERESTING."

"There will always be the level of 'Trek' fans who dress up like Klingons, go to conventions and live in their parents' basement."

COMMENTER DEMONFAFA, WHO ADDED, "BUT FOR THOSE OF US WHO LOVE THE SHOW SIMPLY FOR ITS CHARACTERS AND MESSAGE AND ARE MODERATELY FUNCTIONAL, THIS MOVIE MIGHT PROMPT MORE PEOPLE TO COME OUT OF THE WOODWORK AS 'TREK' FANS."

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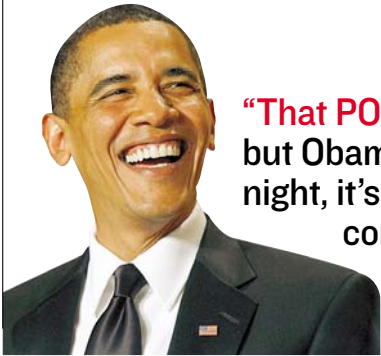
"I THINK I NEED a new hard drive. All of my data is backed up, so this is far from disaster, but that darling little 12-inch iBook and I are very close. This is why they don't let surgeons operate on their own children."

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"[I'm] not gonna lie. A tiny tear formed. It was for the little black girl inside who had been missing this. I'm there — opening day."

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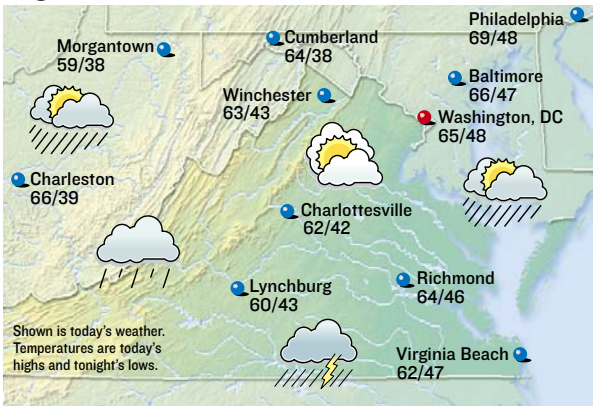
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Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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Normal year to date 13.37"

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Regional Forecast

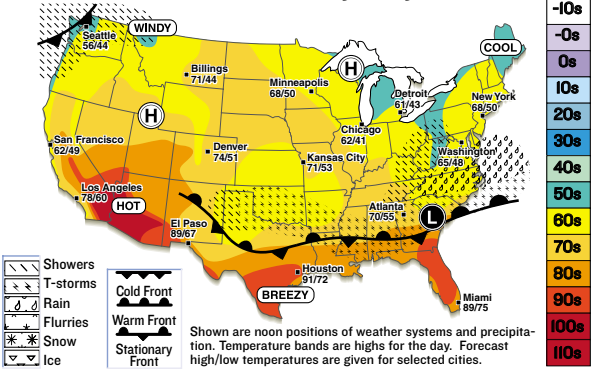
D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, cooler. High 65. Wind west-southwest 6-12 mph. Tonight, an evening shower, mostly clear. Low 48.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 5:59 a.m.
Sunset tonight 8:10 p.m.
Moonrise today 11:01 p.m.
Moonset today 7:18 a.m.



National Weather for Monday, May 11



National Cities

City	Today Hi/Low/W	Tues. Hi/Low/W
Atlanta	70/55/t	76/59/s
Boston	63/45/pc	59/47/t
Chicago	62/41/pc	67/50/s
Dallas	75/64/c	87/72/pc
Denver	74/51/pc	83/46/pc
Honolulu	85/71/s	85/72/s
Los Angeles	78/60/pc	78/58/pc
Miami	89/75/pc	87/74/s
New York City	68/50/s	66/52/pc
Orlando	95/69/s	90/68/pc
Seattle	56/44/sh	54/42/sh

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Low/W	Tues. Hi/Low/W
Amsterdam	58/47/c	58/54/pc
Athens	76/64/s	81/66/s
Berlin	66/42/c	65/45/s
Buenos Aires	72/54/sh	62/49/sh
Calgary	62/39/sh	44/29/sh
Dublin	55/43/pc	55/45/pc
Geneva	74/56/t	74/54/c
Moscow	68/49/pc	61/44/r
Rome	75/53/s	74/55/s
Sydney	66/52/s	66/52/pc
Tokyo	75/64/pc	77/64/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, i-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

lookout people



The Dalai Lama and Al Gore already had too many honorary degrees.

DOCTORATES
Tenured Professors
Totally Fine With This

DOLLY PARTON has a new title. “Just think: I am Dr. Dolly!” she said Friday after receiving an honorary doctorate from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. “So, when people say something about ‘Double-D,’ they will be thinking of something entirely different.” (AP)

SELFLESS
Actress Starves Self
For Non-Vanity Purposes

MIA FARROW ended her 21-day hunger strike for Darfur nine days early, People reported. “I just got weaker and weaker,” she said. By Friday, her blood sugar had dropped dangerously low, and she found it difficult to stand. “I was very disappointed,” she says. (EXPRESS)



PAGEANTS
Book Was Judged by Cover

The Miss California USA pageant says its co-directors plan to address whether **CARRIE PREJEAN** will hold onto her crown amid allegations of contract violations. The pageant is investigating whether she violated her contract by making public appearances with groups opposed to same-sex marriage and by failing to reveal that she had posed in her underwear as a teenager. (AP)

WEATHER
‘Heavy Rain’
Actually Not
Euphemism
For Cocaine,
Binge Drinking

AMY WINEHOUSE was forced to cut short a comeback gig in St. Lucia because of heavy rain. Spokesman Chris Goodman said in a statement Saturday that the singer abandoned her performance Friday at the St. Lucia Jazz Festival. He says heavy rain pounded



the stage on the Caribbean island, causing a lighting rig to fail and disrupting sound equipment. The gig was the troubled British singer’s first performance of 2009. Winehouse attempted to continue her performance despite the storm, but was forced to stop. Goodman said the singer was disappointed, as she’d hoped to repay people in St. Lucia for their hospitality. (AP)



Students now have false hope that thriving careers in TV lie before them.

BOASTS
College Finally Has
Celebrity to Brag About
At Freshman Orientation

JIMMY FALLON, 34, has finally gotten his bachelor’s degree, 14 years after he left an upstate New York college to pursue his comedy career. Fallon picked up his degree in communications and spoke to graduates at Saturday’s College of Saint Rose commencement. (AP)



UPDATE
Blame It on the Entourage

A jury in Santa Monica, Calif., says **SNOOP DOGG** didn’t hit a man onstage during a 2005 concert. The man’s attorney said jurors did believe his client’s contention that Dogg’s people were involved in the savage beating. The man was awarded \$449,400, to be paid by a record label, another performer and others involved. (AP)

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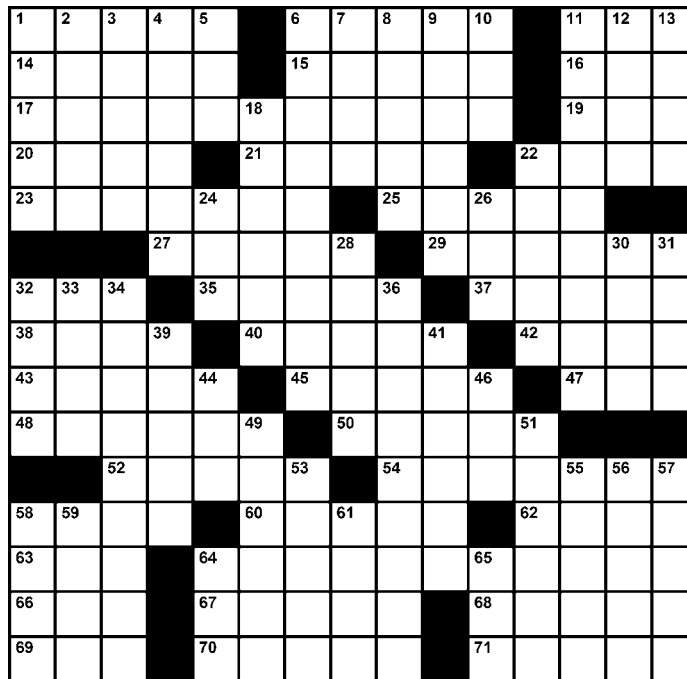
1 Competed in derbies
6 Corn breads
11 Brewpub fixture
14 Arles academy
15 "Leave" or "let" follower
16 "Butterflies" — Free
17 Fessing up
19 Blood, so to speak
20 Without a leader
21 King's territory
22 Board membership
23 Temporary period
25 Medicinal plant
27 Leaf under a petal
29 On the hook
32 "Little old me?"
35 Black tea
37 Cornrow, e.g.
38 Airborne fish eaters
40 Calligraphic stroke
42 Mount in Europe
43 1 inch = 10 miles, e.g.
45 Excessive sternness
47 End of the A-line?
48 DNA source, sometimes
50 Arboretum item
52 Change, as the Constitution
54 Mexican hotties?
58 Commend, as for bravery
60 Barely make it

DOWN

62 Badgered
63 "Color me impressed!"
64 Done for
66 Did some consuming
67 Bask
68 Resident-____
69 Roofing sealant
70 Angler's accessory
71 Accelerating forces

DOWN

1 Prefix with "linear" that means "straight"
2 Decide at the flip of ____
3 Christmas reindeer
4 Passes over in pronunciation
5 Bear necessity
6 Regulatory device of a sort
7 Type of stew
8 "Joy to the World" and others
9 Type of finish
10 Certain pol
11 Lose one's shirt
12 "Carmen" solo
13 Confined (with "up")
18 Acts the bellyacher
22 Marching drum
24 Part of a bodybuilder's workout
26 Beak
28 Nocturnal lemur
30 "Come here often?" e.g.
31 Cheese on a party

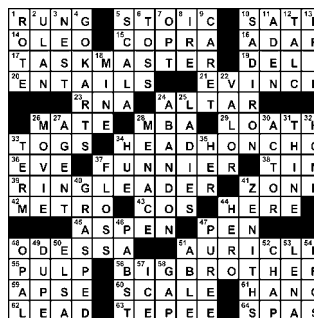


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tray, perhaps
32 Army eatery
33 "Free Willy" animal
34 Agitated
36 Bad thing to be behind
39 "Ghostbusters" goop
41 Surprise attacks
44 Serpent's pigeon
46 Coke mixer
49 One opening up a can of worms?
51 By a nose, say

53 Investigate (with "into")
55 Deep olive green
56 Draw out
57 Clan divisions
58 Brushed layer
59 Infinitesimal amount
61 Affectedly quaint, to a Brit
64 Circle portion
65 "____ give you the shirt off his back!"

Friday's Solution



SUDOKU | EASY

Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. See www.sudoku.com for solution, tips and computer program.

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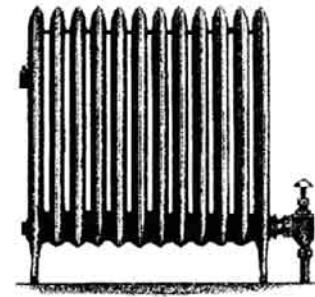
Friday's Solution

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3	7	8	6	4	9	2	5	1
2	4	5	9	6	8	7	1	3
8	1	7	3	2	4	5	9	6
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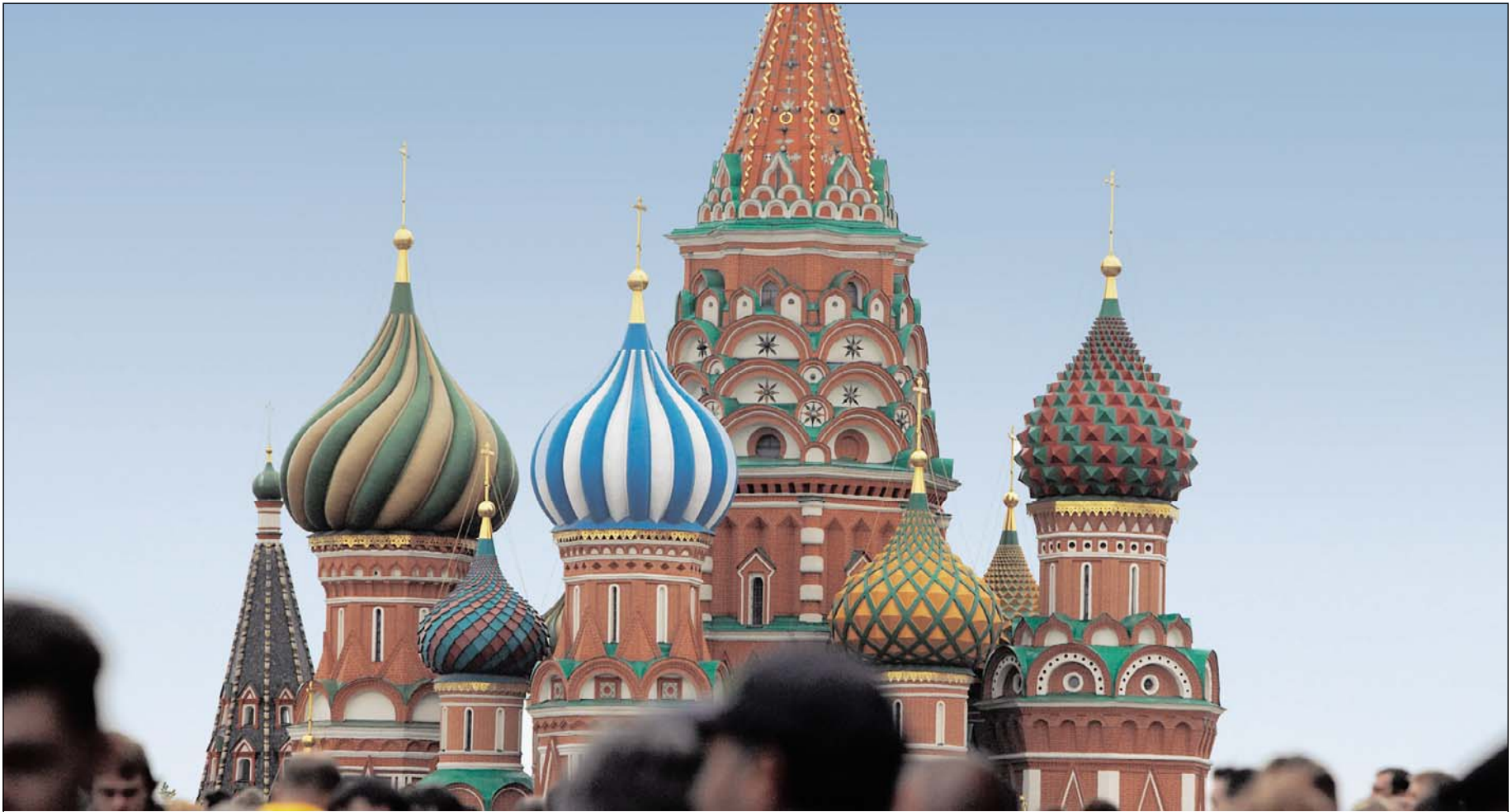


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